

## 5. BILLS FOR THIRD READING

### 5.1. Criminal Procedure and Investigations Bill 2015 – Third Reading approved

Mr Watterson to move:

*That the Criminal Procedure and Investigations Bill 2015 be read a third time.*

**The Speaker:** Item 5: Bills for Third Reading. The first of those is the Criminal Procedure and Investigations Bill and I call on the mover, the Hon. Member for Rushen, Mr Watterson.

**Mr Watterson:** Well, Mr Speaker, thank you for waking me up after that Road Races Bill.

In moving the Third Reading of this Bill, I will be brief in light of the fact that the Bill passed swiftly and smoothly through its clauses stage last week. The Bill seeks to place the disclosure of unused material by the prosecution in cases that are to be tried at court on a statutory footing. Furthermore, it provides a framework by which the prosecution, defence and the courts may be empowered to manage cases better because that framework is in place.

The Department considers that this Bill will lead to improvements in practice, not just by the Police and prosecutors, but by all parties.

In the event that this Bill receives Royal Assent, it is anticipated it will be brought into operation approximately six months thereafter.

I beg to move that the Criminal Procedure and Investigations Bill 2015 be read a third time.

**The Speaker:** Hon. Member for Douglas West, Mr Thomas.

**Mr Thomas:** Thank you, Mr Speaker.

I beg leave to second and reserve my remarks.

**The Speaker:** Hon. Member, Mr Quirk.

**Mr Quirk:** Thank you, Mr Speaker.

I just arise and thank the Minister for sending me more information on this and I do appreciate that.

**The Speaker:** I put the question that the Criminal Procedure and Investigations Bill be read for the third time. Those in favour, please say aye; against, no. The ayes have it. The ayes have it.